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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, June 25, 2018, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2018

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BACON).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 22, 2018.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DON BACON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: God of grace and goodness, thank You for giving us another day.

These are days fraught with important and contentious issues that go to our core as a nation. It is difficult to resolve the different priorities and positions regarding immigration and our borders.

Help all Members to be their best selves so that we, as a nation, can be our best self. Endow them with the wisdom of Solomon, the patience of Job, and compassion to be a shining example of a people intent on making the world a better place, especially for those whose burdens in life seem insurmountable.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MAST) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MAST led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

CELEBRATING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today marks the beginning of Religious Freedom Week.

Freedom of religion is a fundamental human right and protected by our Constitution. The First Amendment's protection of freedom of religion, along with the freedom of speech and the press, afford us the opportunity to have open and thoughtful debates on the floor of the House every day, and it protects the space in which members of all religions can peacefully join together and solve the world's most pressing issues.

For thousands of years, people have sought the freedom to practice their religion without the fear of persecution. Since our founding, we have continued to recognize freedom for all.

Our great Nation and its foundation of freedom and liberty for all were conceived by individuals in search of religious freedom.

Mr. Speaker, the United States of America will always be a beacon of light in the world, and we will always

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